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## TEXAS TOWNS

**Center.**—The body of Mr. Willie Gardiner, a victim of the train wreck on the E. & W. near Humble, Wednesday night, Dec. 13th, arrived here Saturday morning and was carried to his home near Shelbyville and held in state till Sunday. The funeral service was held from the Todds Spring Baptist church and entertainment made in the McWilliam cemetery. Mr. Gardiner had been to Houston attending a Masonic Grand lodge and was on the return trip home when his train side swiped a switch engine that was standing on the siding near Humble station, the steam line was burst and the hot steam that filled the coach literally cooked the bodies of many passengers. Mr. Gardiner was a Christian man, a Mason and Mosale and was well thought of by a number of whites as well as Colored. He leaves a wife, a host of friends and relatives to mourn his loss. Miss Annie Lee Hearne, teacher at Carroll school; Miss Eliza McCarty, Mr. Jas. Hicks and many others of this place attended the funeral of Mr. Willie Gardiner at Todds Spring Sunday. A Christmas tree and program will be at the C. M. E. church tonight. Miss Dorothy Fisher, aged 10, who was burned seriously the last of November, died Saturday morning and was buried Saturday evening, Dec. 15th. Rev. and Mrs. J. V. Griggs and Miss Maubine Oby were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Greer Sunday, Mrs. T. A. Amos left Sunday night for Diboll, Texas.

**Temple.**—The Rev. J. T. Simpson had a narrow escape from death a few days ago, when he swallowed a dose of Sulphuric acid, mistaken for salts. He has recovered. The Rev. John Winn who has been ill for a long time was pronounced a few days ago with groceries by members of the H. H. of R. H. C. White and Geo. Hancock have opened a wood yard in South Main street. The O. U. of O. F. No. 4443 of Temple are making arrangements for their annual "stunt" to be held during the holidays. The reporter of this paper was called to Houston, on Monday last week, on account of death of his brother, Miss Gladys Marshall was a happy recipient of a bushel of sweet potatoes from her brother at Sulphur Springs. Prof. H. P. Carter of Houston, Director of agency and L. M. House district agent of the Standard Life Insurance company were in the city during the past week in interest of the company. F. D. Morgan was called on Wednesday of last week to Hempstead on account of death of his cousin. J. T. Cain was called on Wednesday of last week to Houston on account of death of his mother.

**Rusk.**—Sunday services at the various churches seemed to have reached their culmination. Sunday school was well attended at all of the churches. The attendance was beyond the average. All of the schools are under superior management; hence, their membership is ever increasing. Rev. Diden preached an eloquent sermon, at New Mount Olive Baptist church, at 11:30. Rev. H. D. Dova, pastor of the West Union Baptist church, broke the bread of life to a large congregation. Text Luke 15:13. Collection \$311.75. Rev. Dewes preached only once a month in the city. Rev. S. H. Bradley, pastor of the M. T. Pleasant C. M. E. church, is declining to render a unique program, during his stay in the city. In accordance with the pastors previous plans, the following four preachers preached able

sermons from 11:00 o'clock to 12:30 Sunday and then took their own collections. Rev. J. Henderson text Matt. 25:6, collection \$3.91; Rev. Russell Poman, text Acts 9:4; collection \$3.51; Rev. P. R. Taylor, text 1 Kings 5:4, collection \$3.06; Rev. L. T. Boggus, text 1 Cor. 12:27, collection \$4.00; total amount raised \$16.48. Rev. L. T. Boggus won the shirt which was given to the preacher whose assistants raised the highest amount above \$5.00. This time Rev. Bradley was formally a member of the Texas Conference. The tea party at Miss L. M. Latimore's on the night of Dec. 14th was a grand success. The entertainment at West Union Baptist church was decently and orderly carried out. Bro. E. D. Campbell and wife of Nacogdoches were in the city the latter part of the week, visiting the latter's mother and other relatives. Mr. Leonard Kennedy, who is a pupil in the Nacogdoches high school was in the city this week visiting his father and mother. Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Kennedy, Miss Ruth White, Jeanes teacher of Cherokee county, reports that the Colored schools throughout the country are meeting their requirements. Mrs. A. Snow, Mary Snow and Miss Ruth White, assisted by Mr. T. B. Robinson made a flying trip to Tyler, last Wednesday. Bro. W. R. Latimore was in the city, visiting his mother last week. Mr. Earl Pyle of Palestine, Texas, was in the city last week, visiting his mother, Mrs. Fannie Smith. Rev. J. A. Smith, the city a few days ago en route to his churches on Kereas Circuit. Bro. J. Bradford, the County demonstration agent of Cherokee County, made a lecture at Rusk high school on Dec. 15. Rev. J. H. Polk, also, made a splendid address to the school. Mrs. Hattie Stevens, Rev. L. T. Boggus and Miss Eleanor Stevens were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Pyle last Sunday evening. Mrs. Hannah Franklin was the guest of Mrs. M. E. Boggus last Sunday. Mr. Isiah Pennington and Mr. Tom Banks, two progressive farmers, were in the city on business, last Saturday. Bro. Geo. Bradford was in the city on business the last of the week. The District Court is now in session at Rusk. Many hearts were saddened when they learned that the above court had placed a two-year sentence upon Mr. Major Smith is one of the oldest citizens in the vicinity of Rusk. Mrs. Lucy Latimore is now suffering an attack of rheumatism. She is gradually improving. Mrs. Lizzie Bradley and Mrs. Susan Hall are reported improving. Mrs. Leola Chandler and Mrs. Annie Alexander are on the mend. Miss Annie Bell Smith is rapidly improving. Little Floy Boggus, who received a severe sprain in his left arm is slowly improving. Master Samuel Robinson is numbered among the sick. Mr. Oscar Thompson is now remodeling his house.

See L. T. Boggus at Browns barbershop for your copy of the Express.

**East Mevia.**—Mrs. Dennis Ransom is the happy possessor of a 1923 model Ford. May she spend many happy hours with her friends galore.

Ah ha, again cupid is on the war path. He shoots a fatal arrow! He ravishes the hearts of men and sends that fiery point dipped in the poisonous venom of love directed to maidenly affections. Mr. C. G. Sanders and Miss Selma Ransom are the victims of Sir cupid's wiles.

And thus: He with that Heavenly intuition choose His bride of myriads of fair maids, Not by the sport of chance—he little knows Of sweet Atlanta and the hellenic craze. But ah, some ancient Diety must have propitious been That stony maiden heart melted at his glance. Perhaps 'twere golden apples or Olympus' kin That won that Knightly conquest of virtue and romance.

Though this nuptial was a secret one and though it was sprung as a great surprise to everybody, may many happy and blissful days pursue this highly esteemed couple.

Mr. J. G. Fuller who has now full charge of the West Texas Manufacturing Company's plant here is making due preparations for one of the greatest seasons known to the bottling industry. We do not doubt Mr. Fuller's ability to do things for he has proven himself capable in all lines of the work. Would that we had more young men who have the pluck and bull dog tenacity of this young man. If our support means his success then he is over the top now, for we are with him.

Mr. C. G. Sanders, Secretary of the West Texas Manufacturing Co., left for Hillsboro, Sunday to pay his mother a visit. From there he goes to Dallas, where he expects to perfect plans for the \$60,000 plant of the company.

Hurray! hurray! for the East Side School's domestic science department. "Am ham" some good eats! Say girls fetch 'round some mo' dem good ole greasy doughnuts, for My stomak hits a muffle Honey hits sho gittin lax An' mah appahat hits shapshap Dan de anchunt battle ax.

The Jenkins Industrial Academy rendered an interesting program Sunday at 3 p. m. in the school auditorium. The school is still growing. It has an enrollment now of 129 pupils. The pupils will commemorate Christmas day with an elaborate program under the direction of Misses E. J. Hawkins and M. E. Jenkins. The boys and girls of the domestic science department are doing nice work. Supt. Johnson of the Mexico city schools, visited last Thursday and expressed himself as being highly pleased with the work being done here. His address was timely and exhibited much foresight and interest in our school. Rev. P. H. Jenkins, the Principal of the school is much pleased over the premises made by the superintendent for the upbuilding of the school.

You bettah strut mistah tukkey Fer de lan's in a stir Christmas is a comin' An' taint ve'y fuh Yo' gigglin' an' gobbilin' Is mo' nigh done Des ovah de fence Is de end of yer fun.

Tomorrow is Christmas; that glorious time of the year when all the universe is alive with cheer. Though the north winds blow chill and sting in breeze, we never fail to catch those sweet aromas of delicious victuals which must tickle our palates as we toast our feet by glowing hearthside fire. Let us all rejoice at the coming of this commemorable day and sing praises and give thanks to God for his wondrous blessings. Shout little children and be merry for old Santa, comes very soon.

If you've been good he'll remember you If bad look out for the Bugaboo!

Mrs. Johnnie B. Grady, sister of Mrs. F. M. Carter, will spend the holidays in our community.

Rev. W. T. Talley, pastor of Antioch Baptist church and Rev. U. S. Mingo of Houston along with Rev. D. W. Calhoun, former pastor

of Little Zion Baptist church, were visitors at the plant of the West Texas Manufacturing Company Monday. They say the soda water is fine but they don't get the k-i-c-k, ha! ha!

**Dear Santa Claus**  
I have been a sweet girl and I learn my lesson well. I want you to bring me a nice doll bed and dining room set; all kind of fruit and nuts.  
I am only six years old.  
Your friend,  
Zeola Lee.

**My Sweet Old Santa Claus!**  
I am mother's baby and want some toys to play with. Will you bring me a doll that says papa and mamma; a rocking chair, all kind of fruit and nuts.  
I am only 4 years old.  
Your little girl,  
Doris Louise Lee.

**Announcement.**—Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Ransom, Mexia, Texas, wish to announce the marriage of their daughter, Sylvia Lorraine to Mr. C. C. Sanders, which took place Thursday, Dec. 14, 1923.

**Cuney.**—Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. well attended; Rev. D. D. Evans preached at both services; collections good. Mr. W. C. Price passed through the city from Wiley University where he put his sister Jewel in school He will locate in Crockett working in the inter-racial Corporation good. Mr. W. C. Price passed of Ponta spent a few days in Cuney. Mrs. Ellen Cross, Messrs. B. D. Dawson and Randle Kimbrough are building new homes. Hon. H. L. Price, Supreme Counselor of the inter-racial Corporation of America explained the purpose of the organization and many have joined The Union will have a meeting Monday night. Second Baptist church will render a concert, Friday night, Dec. 29. For the Express see J. F. Price, Rept. and agent.

**Weatherford.**—Mrs. A. D. Hutchison returned to Dallas Tuesday. Messrs. George and Ben Newberr are back from St. Louis. Tom Burton left for Eastland Sunday. Raised last Monday in the Board \$40.45; paid Rev. A. F. Johnson, presiding Elder for the first quarter.

**Cooper.**—Mt. Zion is all smiles over a new pastor for another year. Sunday school teachers are planning to have a Xmas tree on the 25. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Weathersby a fine baby girl, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Coker a fine girl also. Mrs. Leon Jones went to Paris on business. Mr. W. C. Coleman was in town from Ranger looking after his property. Geo. Geary went to Klondike to visit his mother. The Woodmen will serve Xmas day in the Cold Fallow hall. Mrs. Souvanah is all smiles over her brother visiting her from Mississippi.

**Nacogdoches.**—Rev. E. E. Burkhalter, pastor of Zion Hill First Baptist church returned last week from St. Louis, where he was attending the National Baptist Conference. Dr. Woodson is still confined to his room, but is very much improved. Mr. W. Porter is reported to be getting along fine.

**Tyler.**—Revs. Alexander and Dr. Stewart are back from the National Baptist Convention, and had many good things to tell at both services. Rev. Alexander preached at 11 a. m. E. T. Academy turned out in a body. The trio at the B. Y. P. U. was a treat to the listeners. Rev. Williams, a student from E. T. Academy spoke at night. Dr. Stewart occupied the pulpit at both services. The new pastor, Rev. Thrillkill and his family of Tennessee have moved into the parsonage. Mr. John T. Ratcliffe of Houston is in the city. Mr. C. Hightower of Detroit, Mich., is here to spend the holidays with relatives. The funeral of Mrs. Mary Melvin, the month old baby girl of Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Warren was held Tuesday. We extend sympathy to the parents and little brother. Mrs. Lucy Strode left Wednesday for her home in Dallas. Mr. Robinson of Dallas has arrived at both services. Melvin, the month old baby girl of Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Warren was held Tuesday. We extend sympathy to the parents and little brother.

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**San Davis** is operating a first class furniture store on W. Claude St. The Corsicana Orchestra was in the city last week. Mr. Lewis Burns passed away Saturday night. Time Yip to Yip church will open its series of Xmas festivities Saturday night with a Xmas tree and program by the children. The doors will be open for services Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday night, a "Feast in the Wilderness" and program combined will be rendered. The pupils of the "Tyler Hit" will stage an Oratorical contest Friday evening at 7:30 p. m. St. James C. M. E. church. Admission 15c.

**Mincola.**—The new pastor, McCauley of C. M. E. church preached at both services. Presiding Elder, Rev. Holton preached at the M. E. church. Mrs. Bertha Earle of San

Antonio was in Mincola last Wednesday visiting her brother, Prof. H. R. Jones. Rev. Scott was here en route to Bishop College. Mr. A. J. Avery returned to his home in Hawkins, Tex. Mrs. Mary Pettie died last Thursday and was buried Friday. Mrs. Mary Johnson of Lindel was in Mincola en route to Bishop where she is teaching.

**West.**—Rev. A. L. White was in his pulpit although he was ill. Miss Ethel Lee Evans won the group prize in the B. Y. P. U. which is a trip to Hillsboro. The evening service was preached by Rev. Ward pastor of the White Baptist church. Mr. F. A. Totton and Miss Martha Totton went to Waco Friday. Mrs. Corinne Degraet's sister visited her last week. Mr. Allie Bee Whittington and family have moved to West. The W. H. S. donated Rev. Burns \$100 while here. Rev. Sam Williams, A. M. E. preacher was assigned to work in the Waco District for next year.

**Forney.**—The churches and Sunday schools were well attended Sunday. Mt. Zion held her regular service; Pastor W. H. Varner at his post administered the Lord's Supper Sunday night. Mrs. M. L. Speed left for Austin to spend the holidays with her mother; from there she will leave for Oakland, California. Mrs. L. L. Lipscomb left for Dallas to visit her daughter.

**Mineral Wells.**—Mrs. Beniah Roberts is visiting in Nacogdoches doing the holidays. Don't forget the singing contest at the A. M. E. church on Monday night, Dec. 25, between Cleburne and Mineral Wells; admission 12 cents and 25 cents. Mrs. Benie Gales of Crandall is visiting Mrs. Feela Hudley. The Union Sunday school rally was a success. The First Baptist church was awarded the prize, which was a Testament, given by the Supt. of the A. M. E. S. S. Bro. Sheppard who has been attending school in Sequih has returned home.

**Galveston.**—All churches were well attended Sunday. Rev. B. J. Brown returned from the National Baptist Convention reporting a splendid time. Miss Sadie Blackman left for Louisville, Ky., where she will live with her aunt, James Edward Thomas had a birthday party Dec. 16th. He received a number of presents. The Union Board will serve dinner to the old people of the city at the St. James C. M. E. church, Saturday. The Deacons Board met with Mrs. Bertie Kentz Friday evening. Next meeting with Mrs. Pearl Glenn.

**Marlin.**—One of the rent houses of Mr. E. L. Libson was destroyed by fire. Mr. R. B. Black former reporter of the Dallas Express left Thursday for Quanah. Marlin Colored High School students are planning on purchasing a typewriter. Work on the newly organized departmental basis is progressing.

**Cameron.**—Prof. Harry Miller, America's cleverest magician, exhibited at the high school last Monday and Tuesday. Rev. Humber was on duty in Calvert Sunday. Rev. Hardean preached at Bethel. Miss Peachy was in the city Saturday and Sunday. Prof. R. J. Huffman is in the city. Dr. S. B. Zephyr has purchased a Buick Six Roadster. Dr. Zephyr, A. McNeil, S. Gordon and Bill Nelson went hunting last week and returned with much game. Mr. Cyrus Dearmon of Caldwell died last week. Mrs. Alice Shelton, a wealthy citizen and old pioneer of St. Gable died last week. The Striving Club met with Miss M. V. Johnson, Dec. 16th. After an interesting program, we were most delightfully served with a delicious course.

**Jacksonville.**—Rev. A. W. Walker, Presiding Elder of the Jacksonville District, A. M. E. church held his first quarter Dec. 22 and 19th at St. James A. M. E. church. Mr. John Williams and Mrs. Viola Bowen were married Dec. 16th. Mr. B. Johnson and Miss Minnie Kemp were married Dec. 12th. Miss Mary M. Phillips the young progressive music teacher is doing splendid work in our city. Rev. A. M. Mitchell, pastor Rising Star Baptist church occupied the pulpit Sunday. Mrs. S. E. Anderson of Alto spent a few days in the city in the interest of her business. Superior Mutual Life and Health Association elected the following officers: H. Y. Martin, pres. D. L. Ragdall, Vice-pres., Dr. P. A. Sims, Secy., Mr. J. G. Griffin, Treas. Mr. Willie Rainey of Frankston spent a few days here last week. Mr. Price and Mrs. Everline Bates were married Sunday. Notice—To the Public: Stop at the Peoples Garage and get your car worked over at the Colored garage. All work guaranteed at cut prices. A full line of tires and parts. Ben Miller, Manager.

**Marshall.**—Wednesday, Dec. 13th, the South Marshall Club met with Mrs. Jack Hodge; the club had as visitors: Rev. and Mrs. C. C. Wilson. The next meeting will be with Mrs. L. L. Price, Xmas week. Mrs. Hattie V.

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Billups has gone to St. Louis, Mo., to spend Xmas. Rev. Amos of Alport, Ark., is in the city the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Jackson. Prof. and Mrs. J. D. Sanford are in the city from Washington, Texas. P. F. Dennis and John Carter have opened a pressing shop at 216 North Wellington.

**Cartage.**—Miss Leona Carter of Longview is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Gray. Mrs. C. E. Monnie was called to Texarkana to attend the bedside of her mother. Prof. John Tatum former principal of the Cartage High school, but now of the Bo Bo school was in town Saturday. Mr. James Scott is in town.

**Cleburne.**—Rev. Lee spoke at the A. M. E. church Sunday in the interest of the Colored Sanitarium at Temple. Mrs. A. L. Brown will spend the holidays visiting in Muskogee, Okla. Mrs. Heard is visiting in Louisiana. Mr. Ed Butler of Silabee is spending the holidays with his family. Mr. Paris Davis has returned from Denver, Colo. Mr. Tom Jones of Denver, Colo., was in the city last week on business. Mr. Archie Bagby and Dr. Jackson motored to Ocoila, Texas. Rev. and Mrs. H. Wright, and Rev. Lockridge motored to Maypearl, Italy and Grandview last Sunday. Mrs. John Johnson of Dallas is the guest of Mrs. Dixon. Rev. Joseph A. Brown is in Texarkana his week. Mrs. Addie Fuller is visiting her sister at Coleman. The Mother's Home and Ind. Club met Dec. 12th at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Kay.

**Eastland.**—Rev. Davis pastor of the Baptist church at Ranger attended the Ministerial conference here last week. Mrs. L. C. Kennard is preparing to spend Xmas in Brenham. Mr. Huns Sanford has accepted a very prominent job at the West Side Garage. Mr. St. Turner after more than two years with the Eastland Tailoring Co., is now with the Experience Tailoring Co.

**Wolfe City.**—Sunday school was well attended at both churches. C. M. E. held their Quarterly Conference 16th and 17th. Mr. Willie Johnson has returned. Miss Gordon of Paris is visiting her aunt.

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